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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Clark County

In November 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Bonnie G. Scheller** (NA00187721) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly tested positive for marijuana on a random drug screen.

Clallam County

In November 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Anna M. Hedgecock** (NA00147036) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly took \$775 from a patient for her own use without permission by forging her signature on withdrawal slips.

In November 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Amber E. Larson** (NA00197395) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of assault of a child — criminal negligence and substantial pain.

Grays Harbor County

In November 2010 the Nursing Commission terminated the order of probation against licensed practical nurse **Phyllis S. Stephenson** (LP00047593).

King County

In November 2010 the Board of Physical Therapy terminated the order of probation against physical therapist assistant **Lucyna Z. Kowalczyk** (P160031745).

In November 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Beverly S. McTyer** (NC10054728) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly came to work under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.

In November 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Trish M. Pugel** (NC10058893) with unprofessional conduct. She was found guilty of negligent driving following a charge of driving under the influence. She also allegedly tested positive for a controlled substance for which she didn't have a prescription.

In November 2010 the Medical Commission charged physician **Marco A. Sobrino** (MD00039788) with unprofessional conduct. The care he provided allegedly fell below the standard before, during, and after performing liposuction on a patient resulting in patient death.

In November 2010 the Radiologic Technology Program released **Daron Joseph Vchulek** (RT00001294) from terms and conditions set against his license.

In November 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Youssef L. Youssef** (NA60060543) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly went against a patient's Individual Support Plan and left the patient alone in the home without a qualified caregiver for 15 minutes.

Kitsap County

In November 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program released chemical dependency professional trainee **Cameron Yvonne Fisher** (CO60151891) from terms and conditions set against her registration.

In November 2010 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **John J. Givens** (RN00145503) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In November 2010 the Health Care Assistant and Nursing Assistant Programs reinstated the credentials of **Rheycel S. Orante** (HC00150116, NA00184273).

Mason County

In November 2010 the Secretary of Health charged nursing home administrator **Peter P. Merritt** (NH60043832) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly entered into a sexual relationship with a patient's daughter who held the patient's power of attorney and was expected to play a role in the patient's health care decisions.

Pierce County

In November 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Kurtis John Dobbs** (CO60184697) and placed his registration on probation for two years. He was convicted of two counts of driving under the influence, possession of a controlled substance — cocaine, and driving while license suspended or revoked. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

In November 2010 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Programs charged emergency medical technician **Mark W. Tosland** (ES01173502) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly exchanged phone numbers with a patient while transporting her to the hospital, and began a personal and sexual relationship within two weeks. The charges also allege he exchanged phone numbers with another patient during transport, kissed her and attempted to enter into a relationship with her.

In November 2010 the Secretary of Health charged licensed practical nurse and massage therapist **Eugene M. Ulrich** (LP00057726, MA00008295) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly engaged in sexual conduct with a patient.

Skagit County

In November 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Patricia A. Nelson** (NC60023389) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly forged checks from a client without the client's permission or knowledge. The Department of Social and Health Services prohibited her from being a long-term care worker with unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

Snohomish County

In November 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Bruseanna Rickey** (NC10067799) with unprofessional conduct. She was allegedly neglectful to a patient by failing to provide regular meals, failing to provide medications, and leaving the patient alone for hours or even days in his own excrement and urine.

In November 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Virginia M. Rivenbark** (NA00173484) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly took a client's pain medication without permission and replaced the client's pain medication with a medication that had a similar appearance.

In November 2010 the Health Care Assistant Program reinstated the license of **Tashanda R. Rodgers** (HC00135962).

In November 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Ashley L. Tiff** (NA60029842, NC60057626) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly borrowed money from a patient and failed to repay the funds to the patient.

In November 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Lucinda Marie Wynn** (NC10016675) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of conspiracy to commit bank fraud and misrepresent social security numbers and bank fraud in 2007.

Spokane County

In November 2010 the Dental Commission denied the application of dental assistant **Jessica R. Harden** (D160176856). She was convicted of identity theft.

Thurston County

In November 2010 the Board of Hearing and Speech charged hearing instrument fitter and dispenser **Daniel J. Criss** (HA00003666) with unprofessional conduct. Allegations include failing to perform required tests on patients, failing to follow up on patient medical issues, failing to adequately document patient treatment and medical history, and performing treatment on a patient causing her to bleed.

Whitman County

In November 2010 the Naturopathy Program released **Thomas J. Young** (NT00000558) from terms and conditions set against his license.

Out of State

Oregon: In November 2010 the Board of Physical Therapy terminated the order of probation against **Robert V. Lyons** (P160088358).

South Korea: In November 2010 the Medical Commission charged **Gwang M. Kim** (MD00030888) with unprofessional conduct. He failed to respond to letters from a commission investigator about a complaint made against him.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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